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London, Oct. 23, 3 p. m.

What Persia Wants. The Persian Government has established an Embassy in Berlin, and has asked Prince Bismarck to induce the powers to declare Persian territory neutral in order to prevent Russians from crossing Persia in the event of a conflict with England.

A Spy, Probably.

A Rangoon despatch says - An envoy from Mandalay has arrived here. He is ostensibly en route to Germany to sign a treaty but it is more likely that he came here to see what military preparations are being made to enforce the Indian Government's demand upon Burma.

The State of Ireland.

Magistrates from various parts of Ireland conferred at Dublin yesterday with Sir Wm. Hartley, Secretary for Ireland, and Lord Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor, for the purpose of giving them information in regard to the state of Ireland for the guidance of the Cabinet at its meeting.

Poor Carlotta!

The insane Mexican Empress Carlotta, the widow of Maximilian, is suffering from a severe relapse which it is feared may prove fatal. While returning from a walk in the park of the Chateau de Bonchamps, at Brussels, she suddenly swooned and was carried home in an unconscious condition, and remained insensible several hours. She has been ever since in a state of lethargy.

The Congo Country.

Lieutenant Coquilhat has returned to Brussels after three years' stay in the Congo Country, of Upper Congo, and fully contradicts the reported massacre of Europeans there. He gives an optimistic account of the African International Association's progress, and declares cannibalism in the Congo is dying out, and that the natives are friendly. A surveying party is tracing the route of the future railway.

Factory Accidents.

Two very painful accidents are reported this morning from Manchester. In a cotton factory a young girl was caught between revolving wheels by the hair and crushed to death before the machinery could be stopped. In the other case a lad was struck by half a mile of wire, and had the life literally squeezed out of him. These two deaths emphasize the recently issued factory statistics. During twelve months 468 deaths ensued from accidents arising from machinery, and 8,501 injuries were inflicted.

In Riel's Behalf.

The Aborigines' Protection Society held a meeting in London yesterday after the judgment in the Riel case was known, and decided to make one more effort to save the neck of the Canadian insurgent. They appointed a committee to promote a petition to the Queen, praying for a full enquiry into Riel's case, and a reprieve for the condemned man pending the result of the enquiry. The Peace Society will co-operate in this movement, but it is certain that the Queen will act in strict accordance with the advice of the Canadian Ministry.

Afghan Boundary Questions.

The official blue book giving the history of the negotiations between Great Britain and Russia regarding the Afghan boundary question was issued to-day. It gives all the information that will ever be officially supplied regarding the crisis of last spring, which most people believed would culminate in a great war. The publication of the blue book at this time is bound to have a great effect upon English politics, and the results are almost certain to be more favorable to the Conservative than to the Liberal party.

The Afghan Controversy.

Which this volume is a history, began during the late Liberal Administration, and was brought to a close by the present Conservative Government. About one-half of the British despatches published in the book are signed by Lord Salisbury, the Foreign Secretary of Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet, and the other half are signed by Lord Salisbury, the present Premier and Foreign Secretary. The contrast between the despatches of the two statesmen is most marked. Lord Granville's utterances are marked by weakness and shiftness. They frequently show much craftiness, of a kind which suggests that they were the work of Mr. Gladstone's mind, although of course they were written by him but they are over-matched even in craft by the replies of M. de Giers, the Russian Foreign Minister. Lord Salisbury's despatches, on the other hand, are notably firm and vigorous. Their perusal has a breezy and refreshing effect upon the reader, after the paltering platitudes which precede them. It is evident that Lord Salisbury, who he reluctantly assumed the great office, had a well-settled policy regarding Russia, and that he steadily and surely pursued it. His successful suggestion of the momentous controversy is now for the first time revealed to the world. It deserves to rank and doubtless will rank, alongside the British victory won by Lord Salisbury and Beaconsfield in the diplomatic tournament known to history as the Berlin Congress. From the moment that Lord Salisbury took control of affairs, the tone of the despatches from St. Petersburg became greatly changed. They had been alternately sneering and threatening. They became courteous and crafty, but always respectful. Some of the dodges resorted to by Russia are amusing in the light of subsequent events. When it became evident to the Russian official mind that it was useless to try to browbeat Lord Salisbury, M. de Giers suggested that the question of the ownership of Zulufur pass be postponed until the other points were settled. This proposal was promptly registered by Lord Salisbury. M. de Giers then offered to submit the Zulufur question to a geographical commission. This was also promptly refused, and Russia yielded. It is evident from a study of the despatches that war trembled in the balance on several occasions. There were also tactical squabbles as to management of the matters, which indicate that sooner or later, there will be a serious complication between Persia and England.

THE ARMSTRONG ABDUCTION.

The trial of Mr. Stead, editor of the Pall Mall Gazette; Mrs. Jarrett, Bramwell Booth, of the Salvation Army; Mrs. Coombe, Sampson Jacques and Louise Moury, defendants in the Eliza Armstrong abduction case, began to-day before Justice Lopes, the Central Criminal Court. The court room was crowded, many representatives of the Salvation Army being present. A large crowd had assembled in front of the building previous to the opening of the court, but a heavy rain set in, and they scattered to seek shelter. The prisoners pleaded "not guilty." Sir Richard E. Webster, Attorney-General, opened the case for the Crown. His address covered the same ground as that of Mr. Holland at the magisterial examination. Justice Lopes held that no motives, no matter how worthy their object, were sufficient to justify the taking of a child without her parents' consent, and if consent had been obtained in a fraudulent manner it was no consent in the eyes of the law. Witnesses' testimony so far is merely a repetition of the evidence given at the preliminary examination. Eliza Armstrong testified freely and clearly. The trial will probably last a week.

Trying to Avoid a Quarrel.

A Constantinople despatch says: Count Von Rodowicz, German Ambassador, has informed the Porte that Prince Alexander has guaranteed that Bulgaria shall not disturb the present order of things. The Prince has ordered his troops to avoid provoking a conflict in any quarter, but does not hold himself answerable for his neighbors.

Cable Notes.

Advices from Warsaw say Jewish inhabitants are greatly incensed at the action of the Government in closing their schools.

A Cettinge despatch says: -

The Official Gazette contains an order forbidding anyone to leave Montenegro territory without permission of the Government.

The Duke of Connaught desires to return to India, but the Queen would prefer his remaining in safety in England till in the natural order of events, he succeeds the Duke of Cambridge as commander-in-chief of the British army.

Yesterday being the two hundredth anniversary of the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, was celebrated by a meeting in London, at which it was decided to strike a commemorative medal, and to establish two scholarships in the theological faculty of Montauban at £25 each, for poor young men of Huguenot parents, preparing for the ministry.

A Wedding Tour Ended by Death.

Lincoln, Nebraska, October 23. - F. S. Whitley and his wife, who were discovered in their room at the hotel yesterday morning nearly dead, died of a morphia overdose, died last evening without recovering consciousness. The case is now generally believed to have been one of suicide. The only plausible theory as to the cause is that Whitley, newly married, found himself out of employment and money, became despondent, and induced his wife to join him in ending their troubles with morphia. Only fifty cents was found in Whitley's pocket, and it is known he had recently borrowed money of his acquaintances.

Small pox in Ottawa.

Ottawa, Oct. 23. - Ottawa is not free from small-pox. A child on St. Patrick street died of the disease a couple of days ago. The undertaker suspecting the child died of small-pox, sent for a well-known French doctor who declared sure of the case. Equities were made by the physician as to the other members of the family, but the parents had secreted two other children, and it is known he had recently borrowed money of his acquaintances.

Petrolia Races.

Petrolia, Oct. 23. - The races held here to-day under the auspices of the Petrolia Driving Park Association drew a large crowd, and resulted very successfully. The weather being fine and track in splendid condition. Following is a summary: - 240 ft. hurdles, John Pett's br g Robert, John Lowell's br g Prince, Marsh Pett's br g Mohawk Prince. Won by John Pett's br g Robert. Running race, half mile, won by Roach of Weyward. Named race, 3 entries, Tom Wonder, Tempest and Nellie V. Won by Tom Wonder.

Scouting the Chinamen.

Omaha, Oct. 23. - On Wednesday night a mob of white men attacked a section house at Rock Springs, Wyoming. The house was occupied by 20 Chinamen employed as railroad section men. The mob yelled and shouted, fired a volley from their revolvers into the air, and then attacked the house with clubs and stones, completely smashing the windows. The Chinamen, frightened nearly to death, supposed another massacre was about to take place, fled to the neighboring hills, where they remained all night. Yesterday morning they returned and resumed work.

A Hero's Death.

Centerville, Miss., Oct. 22. - Three miles from this place yesterday Robert Johnson, colored, noticed a little girl playing on the railroad track. At the same moment he heard the rumbling of an approaching train, and turning around saw the engine turning a curve, only a few yards away. Johnson made a dash for the child, and just as he gathered it up in his arms the engine struck them, mangle both fearfully. Death was instantaneous.

The Week's Failures.

New York, Oct. 23. - Business failures occurring throughout the country during the past seven days, as reported to R. G. Dunn & Co. to-day, number, for the United States, 153; for Canada 24, or a total of 177, as compared with 169 last week and 207 the week previous. Failures are still numerous in the Pacific States and Canada, but in other sections of the country they are below the average.

Killed by a Land Slide.

Nanaimo, B. C., Oct. 23. - The steamer Ishho, from Alaska, reports a terrible landslide in the basin above Juneau, September 23, at 9 a. m., in which Mike Powers and Fred Custman, mine owners, lost their lives, and one Indian, Custman's body is buried under a mass of dirt and rocks, and probably will not be recovered until spring.

Fire at Alvinston.

Alvinston, Oct. 23. - A fire broke out about two o'clock this morning in a dwelling house owned by Mr. L. Leonard, of Alvin, Ont., and occupied by Thomas Nesbitt. Before the flames were subdued, the building was consumed to the extent of \$200. Supposed cause of fire from a stove pipe chimney. Insurance not known.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

The North-west Census Taking.

THE FRENCH AND THE RIEL CASE.

REMARKABLE TIMOR ON THE C. P. R.

Special from our own correspondent.

Ottawa, Oct. 23. - Arrangements are being made of the most perfect character for the taking of the census in the North-west Territories. It is intended to take in the hands of Indians in the enumeration, and by that means arrive at the exact population of the North-west. This has never been done before in the way now intended. Among the headings for the Indians a new column has to be inserted, "wife or wives." The aborigines of some sections being polygamists. A record will also be kept of all who manifest any inclination to be industrious, or by their hands assist in gaining a livelihood outside of the chase and Government annuities.

THE RIEL CASE.

Whatever agitation certain Grip writers may be endeavoring to make over the Riel matter, it is quite certain that in this community, which is largely French, there is not that feeling of indignation which some of the English journalists endeavoring to lead Western readers to believe is in existence. The French-speaking people are quite content to allow the law to take its course, and are doing nothing to disturb the heads of petitions in favor of Executive clemency towards a man whose interests are in no way associated with theirs. There is a settled feeling here that Riel will hang, and a fine road.

A FINE ROAD.

The superior manner in which the C. P. R. has been constructed is something to afford and inspire it. The people of the rail will now be able to bear testimony. On the trip upward from North Bay to Port Arthur, a short time ago, the train being the Vice-regal party was run between North Bay and Sturgeon Falls, a distance of twenty-four miles, in twenty-five minutes. This would be some time on even the best of our old established roads.

TORONTO.

Nearly \$1,000,000 Dollars' Worth of Ontario Timber Berths Sold by Auction - Died from His Injuries - Methodist Missions.

Toronto, Oct. 23. - The sale of Ontario Government timber berths on the north shore of Lake Huron, in the townships of Springer, Caldwell, Lewis, Lone, Cobden, Robinson and Day, which was held this afternoon in the Legislative Chambers, Parliament buildings. Between four and five hundred persons were present, including many prominent Canadian and American gentlemen and several from the United States. The prices obtained were good, the total receipts being \$9,800,000. Several lots were withdrawn, the reserves not having been met. The purchasers were: John Perry Toronto; J. G. McDonald, Toronto; A. Hill, Saginaw, Mich.; F. B. Maxwell, Toronto; W. H. Bennett, Midland; S. J. Jeffrey, Toronto; John W. G. Macdonald, Waukegan, Burlington; Munson, Boyd & Co., Bobcaygeon; J. A. Dollar, Midland; Chas. Creese, Nipissing; Thos. Charlton, carrying off cigars, Ligon, etc.; Sutherland, Belleville; Conlin Bros., Thorold; S. Loren, Barrie.

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THE NEW MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR.

How Hon. Thomas White is Appreciated in the North-West.

From the Winnipeg Manitoba. There can be no doubt that in selecting Hon. Thomas White as Minister of the Interior the Government have secured a most fortunate choice, not only for themselves but for this country. Mr. White has won nothing but golden opinions since his arrival in this country, and has added much to the popularity of the Administration. The fact of his coming to the North-west so early in his official career was greatly in his favor. The honest determination which he has shown to secure reliable information with regard to matters relating to his department, and the affability which he has displayed towards all with whom he has come in contact, have won for him the affection of our people.

Mr. White's reply to the address presented to him at Fort Qu'Appelle, a synopsis of which appeared in Saturday's Manitoba was a specimen of the ability and kindheartedness which have so effectively popularized him in this country. Passing quickly over the extravagant portions of the address, the hon. gentleman gave serious attention to the reasonable requests which he contained, and made promises which proved entirely satisfactory to those concerned. His many declarations that he had not come to make platform speeches, backed as it was by evidence that he was bent on seeing the country thoroughly and talking to the people themselves, proved more effective than any professions which could have been uttered. His assurance that the taking of the North-west census was but the preliminary step to allowing the Territories Parliamentary representation was naturally received with great favor.

His declaration against the multiplication of "Parliaments" for the North-west will be appreciated aright when the people look at the matter calmly. The popular element in the North-west Council now greatly preponderates, and the people really have the management of their own affairs in their own hands. No good object, therefore, would be accomplished by creating a number of divisional assemblies, involving great expense. In time, when the effort and money is required, the people of the Territories will be given the fullest measure of self-government.

On the railway question, the railway lands question and the liquor question, the hon. gentleman's remarks were equally satisfactory. He clearly disclosed the fact that his one aim was to benefit the country, and it is not surprising that the people cheered him to the echo and thanked him for his speech. The people of the North-west can appreciate a man such as Mr. White, and will show the fact in their increased loyalty to the Government which has summoned him to its assistance.

A BAD GANG.

Riotous Conduct of a Crowd of Roughs in an Owen Sound Hotel. Owen Sound, Ont., October 22. - Last night the Clifton House, in this town, was the scene of a disgraceful disturbance. About twelve a lot of roughs entered, evidently for the purpose of raising a row, with the ultimate intention of plundering the hotel. They first smashed a table and then proceeded to smash a chandelier, which was hit with coal oil lamps. This seemed to excite them for a general scrimmage. The oil was blazing on the floor, and the roughs would not let those present try to put it out, until connected throwing chairs, glasses and everything movable at those who were trying to keep order and put out the lamps.

This was done for the purpose of giving part of the gang a chance to raid the bar-room, which they carried off cigars, liquor, etc. Two constables here put in an appearance and captured five of the gang, who were locked up. They had a hard looking lot of roughs, supposed to hail from Detroit. On searching them there was found on one part of a set of burglar's tools, some pocket drills, fine saws, etc. The Police Magistrate remanded them for a week.

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